

THE WEATHER. Generally cloudy and unsettled today. Thursday probably fair, continued mild. Friday probably gentle variable winds.

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COUGHLIN SEEKS RETURN OF \$12,000 RANSOM BY 'CRANK'

Attaches Pasquale's Cash and Property in Hope of Getting Part of Blackmail Back

EGG HARBOR SEARCHED, BUT CLUE IS FRUITLESS

Police Shatter Suspect's Alibi 'Confession' When Witnesses Say He Lied

George H. Coughlin today attacked the personal effects and bank accounts of August Pasquale, "The Crank," who has confessed he obtained the \$12,000 which Mr. Coughlin paid as ransom for his fifteen-month-old son Blakely, who was kidnapped June 2.

The writ of attachment filed by Mr. Coughlin was for the purpose of retaining as much as possible of the money, out of which Pasquale has confessed he swindled the child's father.

The writ was filed in Norristown today. It reads as follows: "George H. Coughlin, being duly affirmed according to law, deposes and says that the defendant above named (Pasquale) is justly indebted to him in a sum exceeding \$100; that said debt is presently due and that the nature and amount of said indebtedness are as follows:

"That the defendant above named did, on the second day of June, 1920, and on divers days subsequent thereto, by blackmail and extortion on the plaintiff in such manner and form that he fraudulently and improperly induced the plaintiff to deliver over to him, the said defendant, the sum of \$12,000 on the fourteenth day of June, A. D. 1920; that said money was obtained under fraudulent pretenses and guarantees.

"That the defendant has personal property, comprising jewelry, certificates of stock, bonds, promissory notes, articles of personal property, an automobile and moneys on deposit with various parties as his agent; that one diamond ring, valued at \$700, one diamond pin, valued at \$100, \$102 in cash, one shotgun, valued at \$25, and one rifle, valued at \$25, are now in the possession of W. E. Mair, deputy superintendent of the Pennsylvania State Penitentiary, named herein as garnishee, making in all articles valued at \$825.

"That all of the above articles were purchased with the moneys thus fraudulently obtained from the plaintiff, and that said defendant is about to dispose of and assign and remove said above enumerated personal property, with intent to defraud his creditor, this deponent, and further this deponent saith not.

The attachment was signed by Mr. Coughlin and witnessed by a notary, Wright & Larzelere. It comes under the jurisdiction of the Pennsylvania State Penitentiary, Judge of the Common Pleas Court, approved the bond and served covering the writ.

Egg Harbor Is Searched. A hurried midnight trip to Egg Harbor by Captain Souder and Major Adams, with two other officers, proved to be no more fruitful than other similar expeditions.

The disappointment was greater than usual, because the tip had been considered "red hot."

The story which sent Captain Souder and his associates on their midnight trip to Egg Harbor was that a man and woman, with a child resembling Blakely were living in the woods near Egg Harbor.

Where the tip came from could not be learned. There was first a rumor that Pasquale had given the information to the associates of the woman who had been reached by motor. They had to be reached by motor. They had to be reached by motor.

"The baby did look like Blakely," said Captain Souder. "Its mother made objection to letting us see the child. She had her husband hidden so deep in the woods that he had never heard of the kidnapping."

Disappointed the detectives made their way back to town. Captain Souder went home, bathed, shaved, had some breakfast and returned to his office. A little later Captain Price and his men left on another secret trip.

Other rumors were just as unsatisfying. A curiously large proportion of the rumors are to the effect that the child is hidden in New Jersey.

Color was given this belief today by a story told by the woman proprietor of a baby farm near Vineland. Chief of Police Hudson, of Vineland, said to a woman who had told him of a visit to the baby farm, that the description of Pasquale and resembled his description. He brought a baby and tried to arrange her care, but he did not return.

Hope for Developments. There was a ray of expectancy all day long. The state police, said early today, expected "something to develop" and intimated the detectives had not exhausted their supply of leads.

During the morning Captain Price and the state police, called Captain Price to join his men and Price slipped out. They are working with Major Adams and Captain Souder on the latest clue, left his office this morning ostensibly the chief would be at detective headquarters in Philadelphia all day, but he had not appeared there by noon.

Father Gives Up Business to Help in Hunt for Child

George H. Coughlin, father of the kidnapped baby, has not been at work since Little Blakely was lifted from his crib on the night of June 2. Mr. Coughlin is president of a lithographing company, in this city. He spends all his time now conferring with the police in the search for his child. He would not put his mind down to his work if he wanted to, he says.

JUDGE FREES MAN, LIEUTENANT ANGRY

Monaghan Admits Alleged Highwayman to Bail and Walsh Expresses Resentment

ACCUSED IS A POLITICIAN

Two highwaymen attacked Samuel Cohen, 316 North Franklin street at Eighth and Wood streets early this morning and robbed him of \$700 in cash and a diamond ring valued at \$750.

"Izzy" Jacobson, of Sixth and Spring Garden streets, was arrested by detectives Titus and Kearsa charged with being one of Cohen's assailants and identified by Cohen as one of the men who robbed him.

All kinds of efforts were used to bring about Jacobson's release after his arrest. An attempt was first made to free him on a copy of the charge from a magistrate. When this failed Jacobson was taken to Central Station and Jacobson was taken to Central Station and was being held there for a hearing when word of the judge's action was received. On learning of this, Lieutenant Walsh, of the Tenth and Buttonwood streets station, whose men made the arrest, expressed indignation.

"I don't see how they expect us to keep the city clean of crime," Lieutenant Walsh said, "when we can't get proper support."

Cohen was beaten so badly by his assailants that he had to be taken to the Hahnemann Hospital. He gave the police a good description of the other highwayman and his arrest is expected today.

Jacobson is said to be active in politics in the Fourteenth ward, and is said to have caused the police much trouble in this connection.

SAYS WOMAN WAS SUICIDE

Male Companion Tells Police She Plunged Into River

Detroit, Mich., Aug. 11.—(By A. P.) Mrs. Margaret Cagle, who was found in the Detroit river at Wyandotte on Monday, plunged from a launch in which she was riding with Frank Hillebrand late Sunday night. Hillebrand told officers investigating the woman's death last night, according to the authorities. The boat ride, Hillebrand was quoted as saying, followed an attempt at a down-river drink establishment.

Authorities said a further statement would be taken from Hillebrand, who is an auto worker. They believed the case was divided as to the theory of suicide and murder. No arrests had been made pending the result of chemical analysis of the woman's stomach.

The body was identified by the woman's divorced husband, a local manufacturer, and her son.

FATAL CLASH IN DUBLIN

Civilian Killed, Another Wounded, in Encounter With Patrol

Dublin, Aug. 11.—(By A. P.) Yesterday morning's street fighting in Dublin, Ireland, which resulted in the death of a civilian and the wounding of another, was caused by the refusal of a group of civilians to disperse when called upon to do so by an armed police force. The official statement on the incident is issued here.

The patrol was challenged and ordered to halt by a member of a group gathered around a bonfire, the statement said. The group, who had shouted the challenge, was kneeling in firing position and when the group ignored the patrol's order to disperse it was fired upon.

ROBS CHESTNUT ST. SHOP

Window-Smasher Escapes After Robbing Store of Silk Shirts

While several persons looked on, a thief threw a Belgian block through the display window of Beckers' haberdashery at 928 Chestnut street last night and escaped with many silk shirts and nine neckties, valued at \$350.

Falling glass and rain damaged the merchandise left in the window by the thief, who darted down Ninth street and had disappeared when a patrolman arrived.

FREE OF PROMISES AND OBLIGATIONS, GOV. COX DECLARES

Democratic Nominee Denies He Is Tied to Reactionary Party Bosses

LEADERS NOT CONSULTED ON ACCEPTANCE SPEECH

Old Timers, Ignored at Notification, Grumble Loudly at Organization

By CLINTON W. GILBERT Staff Correspondent of the Evening Public Ledger

Dayton, O., Aug. 11.—Governor Cox made the striking declaration in his speech of acceptance that he was nominated free from all promises and obligations.

He did this probably to meet the charge that he owed his nomination to the influence of Tammany Hall and to George Brennan, the successor of Roger Sullivan, in Illinois.

This was one of his weaknesses when he was put up at San Francisco. It was the steady support of him by Murphy, of New York; Nugent, of New Jersey; Brennan, of Illinois, and their associates that made it possible for him to wear down the administration support of McAdoo and finally win.

Every indication here is that these bosses have no influence with the Democratic candidate. They named him to grizzle and the Wilson control of the control of the party. But he has promptly allied himself with Wilson on the league issue. He did not consult them, or any of his more personal associates, who had relations with them, in writing his speech of acceptance.

They were here in numbers to attend the notification ceremony. Norman Mack was present to represent Murphy. George Brennan was here, as were Wilbur March, of Iowa, and Judge Connolly, of Michigan. But they have not been consulted for more than anybody else. They were merely among those present. They sat about the Hotel Miami, waiting for the ceremony to begin, but they were not invited to attend.

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MRS. MARY ROBERTS RINEHART The noted novelist has been named as one of a number of women speakers who will take the platform in the interest of the Republican party this fall.

PONZI BANK CLOSED BY STATE OFFICER

Commissioner Finds It Unsafe. Montreal Reports 13-Year-Old Scandal

By the Associated Press Boston, Aug. 11.—Bank Commissioner Allen today took charge of the Hanover Trust Co. This is the institution in which the account of Charles Ponzi, the financier, was shown recently to have been overdrawn.

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POLISH ARMY BEING MASSES FOR BIG COUNTER-OFFENSIVE; FRANCE RECOGNIZES WRANGEL

FRENCH TROOPS TO BE SENT TO SOUTH RUSSIA

Aid Promised General Wrangel as Only Man Who Can Overthrow Bolsheviki

LLOYD GEORGE NOTIFIED OF GOVERNMENT'S ACTION

Anti-Radical Commander Promises to Assume Obligations of Old Russia

By the Associated Press Paris, Aug. 11.—The Foreign Office this morning announced that the French Government had decided to recognize General Baron Peter Wrangel as the head of the de facto government of South Russia.

The announcement states that the rendering of all possible military assistance to General Wrangel is implied. France will send a high commissioner to Sebastopol immediately the Foreign Office stated.

Two reasons were given by the Foreign Office for recognizing General Wrangel. The first was his promise to assume all the obligations of the former Russian Government. The second was his pledge to give Russia a democratic government.

France notified Premier Lloyd George yesterday of her action to this effect. It was stated. The French Government likewise is notifying its commercial attaché in London to have no dealings with Leonid Krassin and Leo Kameneff, the Soviet emissaries in the British capital.

The French Foreign Office regards the Soviet terms to Poland, which the British premier read in the House of Commons last night, as only preliminary, and it is convinced that the Soviet Government later will exact much harsher peace terms.

In announcing the recognition of the South Russian Government, the Ministry of foreign affairs said the Soviet operations against the Soviet Government's anxiety with regard to General Wrangel's successes was due to its knowledge that he was the most competent anti-Bolshevik leader who had yet appeared.

The French believe General Wrangel shows more promise of overthrowing the Bolshevik regime than did the Poles, General Denikin or Admiral Kolchak in their operations against the Soviet Government. The French point out, in meeting with great success in turning all the Cossack tribes against the Bolsheviks.

The official statement from Moscow carries a brief paragraph with regard to the fighting on the Crimean front, where the Soviet forces are engaging those of General Wrangel. The statement says: "On the Crimean front the fighting on the entire front continues favorable to us."

ELMWOOD ROUTE TO SHIFT

No. 36 Cars to Run on Bainbridge and Catharine Streets

Cars of the Elmwood avenue trolley line, known as Route 36, will cease operating on Chestnut and Walnut streets beginning August 23. Notices to that effect were given yesterday to the crews. The line will be rerouted to run east on Bainbridge street and west on Catharine.

No change in route west of Nineteenth street is contemplated, where the cars will run on Grays Ferry avenue, Passchall avenue and Elmwood avenue to Island road.

The change in route east of Nineteenth street, however, will work considerable inconvenience to residents from the southeastern section of the city who wish to do business or have their cars in the center section.

For example, shoppers will have to buy exchange tickets from the line as it runs through Bainbridge street to routes running north on Thirteenth, Eleventh and other streets.

HAROLD BELL WRIGHT WEDS

Novelist, Recently Divorced, Takes Second Wife, a Divorcee

Los Angeles, Calif., Aug. 11.—It has just been announced that Harold Bell Wright, the novelist, and Mrs. Winifred Mary Porter Durston, of Los Angeles, were married in San Diego last Thursday.

Text of Colby's Note Stating U. S. Position in Polish Crisis

Washington, Aug. 11.—The American Government's position on the Russian-Polish situation was outlined in the following note to the Italian Government, addressed by Secretary of State Colby to Baron Camillo Romano Avezzano, Italian ambassador to the United States:

"The agreeable intimation which you have conveyed to the State Department, that the Italian Government would welcome a statement of the views of this government on the situation presented by the Russian advance into Poland, deserves a prompt response, and I will attempt, without delay, a definition of this government's position not only as to the situation arising from Russian military pressure upon Poland but also as to certain cognate and inseparable phases of the Russian question viewed more broadly.

"This government believes in a united, free and autonomous Polish state and the people of the United States are earnestly solicitous for the maintenance of Poland's independence and territorial integrity. From this attitude we will not depart, and the policy of this government will be directed to the attainment of all available means to render it effectual. The government therefore takes no exception to the effort apparently being made in some quarters to arrange an armistice between Poland and Russia, but it would not, at least for the present, participate in any plan for the expansion of the armistice negotiations into a general European conference.

JACK HUTCHINSON SETS GOLF RECORD

TOLEDO, O., Aug. 11.—Jack Hutchinson, Chicago golfer, today set a new record of 33-36-60 for the Inverness course in the second half of the qualifying rounds for the national open title. His total for 36 holes was 141.

TENNESSEE MAY DELAY VOTE ON SUFFRAGE

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Aug. 11.—A motion to delay action on the suffrage question until after August 21 was introduced into the lower House this afternoon. It is said to have the backing of both anti and pro-suffrage forces. It is now being debated.

PONZI ADMITS SERVING JAIL TERM IN MONTREAL

BOSTON, Aug. 11.—Charles Ponzi personally admitted today that he was the Charles Ponzi who served a term in the penitentiary in Montreal.

BERGDOLL PLANNED 3 BANDITS FLEE FLIGHT, IS CHARGE AS GIRL SCREAMS

Erwin's Escape Premeditated, Pretty Drug Store Owner Devises Armed Men in Attempted Hold-Up

Physician Takes Stand Trio Escapes in Auto

By a Staff Correspondent Governors Island, N. Y., Aug. 11.—Evidence that Erwin Bergdoll's flight to dodge the draft was premeditated and not done on a momentary impulse was brought out at his court-martial for desertion here today.

Dr. H. F. Taylor, chief medical examiner of local board No. 3, in whose jurisdiction Erwin came the third witness called today, brought out this evidence. It was the first testimony of this character given.

Bergdoll he had tried in Corbin Hall, in the same room where his brother Grover was tried for a similar offense last winter and sentenced to five years' imprisonment. Later Grover escaped and has not been recaptured.

Doctor Taylor testified that he offered to examine Erwin for military service in the summer of 1918, when he was in the city of Philadelphia. Erwin refused, giving as his excuse that his examination was not due until the next day.

Shortly before midnight the same day he made a plea to William P. Ellis, chairman of the local board, for exemption. Mr. Ellis, who received Bergdoll at his home, turned down the request and Erwin left.

Later the same night he fled from his home in Broomall, Delaware county, supposedly for Boston. He did not appear the next day for examination and members of the board never saw him again until they came here for his trial.

Testimony is important. Colonel Charles C. Cresson, the prosecutor, attaches great importance to Doctor Taylor's testimony, as he will try to show by it that Bergdoll knew on the afternoon of April 16 that he would flee if his last-hour plea for exemption was refused.

Doctor Taylor, who lives in Ridley Park, is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and active on the staff of the Ridley Park Hospital, was submitted to a short but sharp cross-examination by Captain Ambrose C. Cresson, Bergdoll's chief counsel.

POLAND PREPARES TO STAKE ALL ON WARSAW DEFENSE

Military Forces Being Grouped in Front of Capital for Great Offensive

RESIDENTS, FEARING WORST, SEEK SAFETY IN FLIGHT

Fight for Standing Room on Trains and Places on Car Roofs

By the Associated Press Washington, Aug. 11.—Poland will ask immediate aid of the United States in its fight against the Russian Bolsheviks. Count Casimir Lubomirski, the Polish minister, announced today.

The appeal to the State Department, the minister said, would be based upon the assurance contained in the American note to Italy that the United States will insist upon maintenance of the political independence and territorial integrity of Poland.

The aid requested, it was said, probably will be confined to a request for an extension of credits by the United States for the purchase by Poland of surplus war stores. Promission to purchase 200,000 army uniforms and 200,000 pairs of shoes from War Department stocks already has been asked of the department by the Polish legation.

By the Associated Press Warsaw, Aug. 11.—A concentration and regrouping of the Polish forces for an extensive counter-stroke on the entire Warsaw front is reported by newspapers here.

The plans are, it is said, to begin this counter move within a few days. Military men express the opinion that this is a propitious time to strike back in an effort to drive out the Soviet forces which are endeavoring to encircle the capital.

A falling of intense apprehension has spread through the city as reports circulate that the Bolsheviks are actually drawing nearer and is attempting a huge encircling movement. Crowds are driving to leave the city by all available means for the suburbs.

The difficulty increased by the absence of any statement by the government as to what is to be done. No arrangements have been made to look after individuals seeking to escape from the threatened encirclement. The foreign legations are gone, and foreigners must shift for themselves.

Travel by trains is almost suspended owing to the military operations and the derangement of the railway system by the cutting of branch lines. Great crowds of people surge about the station night and day. It has been a physical struggle for days to gain entrance to the railway platforms. The ticket office is besieged by dense masses of people. Guards hold back the struggling masses by force. The few trains which give precedence to military and governmental requirements, leaving scant accommodations for the public.

People fight for standing room on the trains for places on the cars, and for the privilege of hanging onto the car couplings. It is a grim picture of these conditions as the enemy draws near.

Weyand Offered Supreme Command Supreme command of Polish military operations was offered to General Maxime Weyand, of the French army, by the council of national defense, which met last night and took important decisions relative to the defense of Warsaw and reorganization of the army.

Although the other decisions taken by the council have not been made known there is evidence that Warsaw will remain the basis of resistance.

General Weyand has made acceptance conditional on evacuation of eastern Galicia and the Lublin region for the concentration of all forces on the middle vistula for a great offensive. Up to the present the council has been unable to resign itself to agree to conditions involving the abandonment of half of Poland.

Awalt Soviet Answer General Weyand's acceptance is also subject to the answer which the Soviet makes to the last note of Prince Eugene Sushkoff, minister of foreign affairs. Bolshevik forces now hold twenty-four miles of the direct railroad between Warsaw and Danzig, according to dispatches from the front today. The decision held in the Chechnow region, Warsaw's communication with the Danzig seaport is thus severed.

Although Polish forces have abandoned the town of Ostrolenka, they continue to occupy positions between the Narow and Bug rivers, and are sufficiently strong to defend Warsaw in that direction.

The evacuation of Ostrolenka, however, involves a regrouping of the Polish forces along the middle reaches of the Bug river, where they are retreating toward the river Lwów, east of Warsaw. Along this stream the Poles have fortified positions which extend along a line more than thirty miles from Warsaw.

Soviet cavalry, involved in the operation north of the Narow river, is authoritatively reported not to be strong enough to attempt to force a passage to the vistula, or to even seriously threaten the Thorn region.

The swinging movement to the north of this city, apparently planned to outflank the defenses of Warsaw and force the Poles to withdraw across the vistula, is the greatest manœuvre undertaken as yet by the Bolsheviks. It is supposed to be under the leadership of General Touchevski. After crushing Continued on Page Seventeen, Column One.